Installed capacity of Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant

*177. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:
Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) how many thermal units are there at Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Plant as on date and also what is the installed capacity of each unit;

(b) how many more units are under construction along with the capacity of each unit and by when each of them will be ready for power generation;

(c) how much funds have been allotted and how much have so far been spent out of the allotted amount; and

(d) what had been the past performance of the installed thermal units at Ramagundam and what steps are being taken to improve their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) and (b) The approved capacity of the Ramagundam Super Thermal Power Project is 2100 MW, comprising of three units of 200 MW each and three units of 500 MW each. Three units of 200 MW each and one unit of 500 MW have so far been commissioned. The remaining two units of 500 MW each are expected to be commissioned in July, 1989 and July, 1990 respectively.

(c) and (d) The approved cost of the project, along with the associated transmission system, is Rs. 1702.18 crores. Till June, 1988, about Rs. 1468.54 crores had been spent. The units commissioned, operated at a Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 81.90 per cent in 1986-87 and of 77.23 per cent in 1987-88, as compared with the all-India PLF of 53.2 per cent in 1986-87 and 56.4 per cent in 1987-88.

Supply of Gas through HBJ Pipeline for Delhi Power Plants

*176. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wnether Government have since cleared the proposal to bring gas from the Hazira-Bijapur-Jagdishpur (HBJ) Pipeline to Delhi for generating power;

(b) if so, what is the present progress of the said project;

(c) whether the NTPC has since constructed the pipelines; and

(d) if so, by when the HBJ Pipeline will start supplying gas to power plants in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Preliminary steps for the project have been taken by GAIL. Tne pipeline is expected to be completed by April, 1989.

Telephone facility in Shillong

*179. SHRI JERLIE E. TARIANG: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that telephone facility in Shillong is in a very bad shape; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to take to improve the telephone facility there?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Following short and long term measures are being taken to improve the telephone srevices at Shillong:

Short term measures

(i) Local external plant is being improved under Mission Petter Communications.